



MINUTES
of the
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Board of Directors Meeting

February 15, 2005

8:30 AM

Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

DIRECTORS PRESENT: John Britton, Chair, Brian Fahnestock, Secretary,
Lee Moldaver, Director

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT: Olivia Rodriguez, Vice Chair, David Davis, Director

MTD EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Tiara Lakey,
Executive Assistant to the Board and General
Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant General
Manager/Controller, Steve Maas, Manager of
Strategic Planning and Compliance, David Damiano,
Manager of Transit Development and Community
Relations

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Hadley Howe, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Margolin

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Britton called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.
- 2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Chair Britton noted that all members were present, with the exceptions of Directors Rodriguez and Davis who would not be present at today's meeting.
- 3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA**
The General Manager reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters, on the MTD website and mailed to the media of general circulation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**
Director Moldaver, moved to approve the minutes for the special meeting of January 28, 2005. Director Fahnestock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Moldaver, moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 1, 2005. Chair Britton seconded the motion. Director Fahnestock abstained, due to his absence from that meeting. The motion passed.

5. APPROVAL OF THE CASH REPORT

Director Moldaver moved to approve the Cash Report of January 25, 2005, through February 7, 2005. Director Fahnestock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONCLUDED AT THIS TIME

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hadley Howe reported some of his concerns regarding MTD's service. The Board thanked Mr. Howe for his comments. Mr. Rick Margolin requested that the Board consider permitting dogs on the bus. The General Manager reminded the Board that service dogs and small dogs in secure carriers are allowed. The Board thanked Mr. Margolin for his comments and stated that they would review the information that he provided them.

7. STAFF HEALTH INSURANCE

The General Manager reported that MTD had recently received a renewal notice for staff health insurance. This renewal included an increase of 32.5% (which would equal \$72,000 a year). The General Manager noted that the quote had just been received and because of that, staff did not have enough time to prepare recommendations for today's meeting. The General Manager added that MTD has been given an option of extending the current plan for one month, so that staff can prepare recommendations for the Personnel Committee and the Board. The General Manager requested that the Board authorize the one-month extension agreement. Director Moldaver moved to authorize the General Manager to extend the plan for one month. Director Fahnestock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The General Manager also reported on staff dental insurance, which had only increased by \$2,500 a year. The General Manger requested that the Board authorize renewal. Director Moldaver moved to authorize the renewal of the dental insurance. Director Fahnestock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. BUS AND RAILWAY DISUSSION

The Board engaged in a brief discussion related to transportation solutions, which included rail and busways. Additionally, Director Fahnestock reminded the Board that currently Measure D funds are not directly allocated to MTD. Due to the absence of Directors Rodriguez and Davis, the Board postponed this agenda item to the March 2, 2005, televised Board meeting.

9. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager reported on a temporary solution to the dissolution of the MTD's current 3rd Party Administration, Fleming and Associates.

Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager/Controller updated the Board on the status of the UCSB student & staff pass program agreements.

The General Manager invited the Board to participate in the inaugural trip of the Valley Express Service on the morning of March 1, 2005. The Board was updated on the training of the drivers (all of whom live in the North County and will commute to and from Santa Barbara) who will drive the Valley Express routes. The General Manager also reminded the Board that the MTD will not charge a fare for the first two weeks.

The General Manager updated the Board on the recruitment for a Human Resources/Risk Manager, which includes ad placement in the Santa Barbara News Press, Ventura County Star, Goleta Valley Voice, and on the Santa Barbara Human Resources website. The application deadline is March 1, 2005.

The General Manager and Mr. Estrada reported on the continued soil remediation at Calle Real. RFP's have been received and MTD staff is reviewing them and should have a recommendation for the Board by the next meeting.

The General Manager announced that a retirement from the MTD Board party is in the works for Director, Moldaver (and possibly Chair Britton). MTD looks forward to honoring Director Moldaver at this event!

Mr. Estrada reviewed the RFB status for the sale and disposal of MTD's retired surplus buses. Mr. Estrada reported that two bids had been received and that he is currently reviewing these.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing was reported.

11. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.95(b) to consider settlement of a Workers' Compensation claim by Jose Ordaz vs. MTD. The Board authorized continuation of negotiation to settle this claim.

12. CLOSED SESSION- LIABILITY CLAIMS OF JULIA HERNANDEZ & GORGONIA CARRANZA

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code 54956.95 (b) to discuss the following liability claims:

a) Julia Hernandez vs. MTD

b) Gorgonia Carranza vs. MTD

The Board authorized continuation of negotiation to settle these claims.

13. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION-CALLE REAL

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, conference with real property negotiators regarding the MTD Calle Real Property, APN's Book 59, Page 14, Parcels 4, 5 & 6, and Book 67, Page 23, Parcel 6, concerning price and terms of payment; agency negotiators Doug Large and Bob Andrews; other negotiation parties: Housing Authority of County of Santa Barbara, Martin Farrell Homes, and Investec Capital, Inc. No action was taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM.